New Telephone connections in Gurgaon, Faridabad and NOIDA

1249. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of persons for new Telephone connections are repidly increasing in the NCR towns such as Gurgaon, Faridabad, NOIDA, Ghaziabad etc.;

(b) if so, whether Government have failed to provide new telephone connections to the persons living in the adjoining NCR towns;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the date by which the persons registered for new telephone connections during the year 1997 and 1998 are likely to get connections in Gurgaon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) Yes, Sir. Except for Patiala the number of applicants for new telephone connections in the NCR Towns such as Gurgaon, Faridabad, NOIDA, Ghaziabad etc. are increasing.

(b) No, Sir. New telephone connections are being provided progressively. New telephone connections provided during the current financial year in the NCR towns upto 31.10.99 is 32301. Number of connections given for Gurgaon, Faridabad, NOIDA and Ghaziabad are indicated below:—

Sl. No.	Name of towns	Connections-given during 1999-2000
1.	Gurgaon	4288
2.	Faridabad	2834
3.	NOIDA	5295
4.	Ghaziabad	1908

(c) Not applicable in view of part (b) above.

(d) The persons registered for new telephone connections during

1997 and 1998 in the Main exchange of Gurgaon are likely to be given connections by February, 2000. In all other exchanges of Gurgaon waiting list has been cleared beyond March 1999.

Inadequate representation to SC and ST officers in JAG and SAG Grades under Central Staffing Scheme

1250. SHRI CHAUDHARY CHUNNI LAL:
SHRI C.O. POULOSE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Department of Posts in the Ministry of Communications, has not been giving adequate representation of SC and ST officers while sponsoring officers in the JAG and SAG grades on Central and other deputations under the Central Staffing Scheme in contravention of instructions issued by the Department of Personnel;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of the officers category-wise sponsored for all kinds of deputations during the last three years; and

(d) the plans to remove this discrimination and anomaly alongwith the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) No. Sir, Officers of Indian Postal Service are nominated for empanelment under the Central Staffing Scheme as per instructions issued by the Department of Personnel & Training which *inter-alia*, stipulate the following guidelines to be observed while nominating officers;

(i) Officers should not have been debarred from deputation under the Central Staffing Scheme,

(ii) Officers should have completed the period of 'cooling off' as prescribed for Central deputation,

(iii) Officers who are willing and eligible,

(iv) Officers who are clear from the Vigilance angle,

(v) Officers whose performance assessment is of the prescribed grade or above,